



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

- WHEREAS: The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of six million European Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945. During the era of the Holocaust, German authorities also targeted Roma, Poles, people with disabilities, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Soviet prisoners of war, and political dissidents for oppression, destruction, or decimation; and
- WHEREAS: The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and
- WHEREAS: We should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny. We must also rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom and human dignity in a just society; and
- WHEREAS: The Holocaust reminds us of the moral questions raised by this unprecedented event and the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy; and
- WHEREAS: January 21st is recognized as International Holocaust Remembrance Day around the world, a day set aside to remember the victims and honor the survivors, rescuers, and liberators of the Holocaust; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2018, as HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY in Georgia and recognize "CONSCIENCE AND ACTION" in commemoration of the humanitarian deeds of Japanese Consul General Chiune Sugihara, who issued exit transit visas to thousands of Jewish individuals while serving in Kaunas, Lithuania in 1940.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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